



PARKS &  
PARKWAY  
ADVISORY BOARD

Dan Keys  
Chairman

Barbara Kuhl  
Robert Moreno  
Robert Silverman  
Randy Wagoner

Alternate  
Lynn Fischer

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & PARKWAY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Ed Burke Recreation Center 11400 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Court**  
**Thursday October 1, 2014 at 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – Barbara Kuhl, Robert Silverman, Randy Wagoner, Dan Keys and Lynn Fischer were present; Robert Moreno was absent.
2. AGENDA ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS – see below.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERMITTED FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM) -  
None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The Board unanimously approved the minutes of 8.21.2014.
5. OLD BUSINESS
  - A. VILLAGE STAFF REPORT
    1. **General median maintenance** – Krishan advised that the landscape contractor employed by the Village had been terminated as of 10.1.2014. The Village staff would be taking over these responsibilities. Mr. Keys asked if staff knew how many man hours of work and what combination of equipment were used by the contractor such that a comparison could be made with Village Public Works staff's productivity going forward. Staff did not have that information. In addition to a concern for the productivity of the crew, the Board was interested in determining how much staff time might be available for improving medians as opposed to maintaining the status quo.

The Board expressed concern for trees related to damage by weed eaters and mowing close to tree trunks. The need for a comprehensive solution was needed to include herbicide use, mulch, weed fabric etc. Some Board members expressed a concern for the use of Roundup herbicide. Other members felt that it could be used safely, but encouraged alternate methods of weed control at least in conjunction with the use of herbicides.

Mr. Keys mentioned that he believed that there may be a newly active whitefly infestation on the ficus trees at the Recreation Center.
    2. **Tree removal and tree trimming issues** - The grant related to tree trimming is on the agenda of staff for the new fiscal year.



The Board repeated an interest in reviewing the scope of work and specifications for the trimming to be done, prior to bidding the work.

3. **Athletic field turf maintenance – Herbicides have been sprayed on the field** - The Board again discussed the heavy use of the field as related to its lease to private groups with commentary that that the revenue derived may not be worth the damage done to the field. The Board Asked Krishan to report to us at the next meeting as to the revenue versus expenses. He advised that he would compile this with the assistance of Shelecia.

4. **Athletic field irrigation system maintenance** - replacement of the last few improperly sized athletic field irrigation heads was planned for early in the new fiscal year.

5. **Highway Beautification Grant Proposal made for median of NE 6<sup>th</sup> Ave** – work is in the planning stages for the new fiscal year.

6. **Sixth Ave. Bridge Grant** – tow of the proposed plant materials for the project were specified by Mr. Keys and have been purchased with the funds from the Martin Luther King fund raising event. One palm needs to be moved due to the insistence of the water management authority. It will be moved to the East side of the roadway. Mr. Keys advised that if given a budget to work to, he would develop the plant list for use by the Village. Mr. Manners advises that he would look into the issues related to the installation of irrigation for the project.

7. **Continued discussion of landscape planning for 121 Street @ NE 10 Ave, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. median and all entrances along 121 Street and at NE 107 Street at the railroad tracks** - Mr. Manners advised that the Village had been discussing the possibility of having the Landscape Architecture program at Florida International University work on the medians of the Village as a class project. The Board expressed displeasure with this idea because it would likely delay progress and because it believes that with the assistance of the Board, the right landscape architect could develop a better design that was sensitive to the needs of the Village. **The following motion was made and was passed unanimously: "The Parks and Parkways Board reiterates and supports the elements of the motion previously made on 5.28.2014 – (That the Village should engage the appropriate professionals to design and subsequently install signage and landscaping appropriate for two types of situations - medians and the side swales at entrance points; that the landscape design process should include development of a pallet of plant material suitable in use as a base for use throughout the**



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**Village within the medians; and that lighting should be taken into consideration.)**

**8. Discussion of path forward for design and construction of secondary entrance signage related to grant**

**funding** – The contract for grant funding for Village signage had not yet been developed. See above for related discussion.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Barbra Kuhl Barbara asked that the trees of the Village be fertilized - Krishan expressed that this seemed feasible.

B. Lynn Fischer advised that she would contact Fairchild Garden regarding their "Million Orchid" program for possible implementation in Biscayne Park.

C. The Board discussed the issue of donations of plants and advised staff to be very selective when considering accepting any. Only the best plant materials that we have use for and which would not end up being more expensive than just buying the material from a reputable nursery, should be considered

NEXT MEETING DATE – October 29, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.